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NO COMMON GROUND

Some have rented out space to commercial entities; parking, access to flats gets difficult

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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) constructed hundreds of flats for economically weaker sections at Austin Town in Shanthinagar Assembly constituency more than four decades ago. There are 34 blocks and each block consists of 16 one-bedroom, hall and kitchen (1BHK) flats. Each block has ground-plus three floors.

Now turns out the residents of the ground-floor have got it in their heads that the entire territory belongs to them. The owners of the first, second and third floors are struggling a lot due to the encroachment of the common area meant for parking vehicles. It is alleged that people owning the ground floor flats either have extended their flats or rented out the vacant space (common area) for commercial use.

"Encroachment started happening during the lockdown. First they put up temporary structures to sell all types of food items. There was a beauty parlour here, which was demolished on Monday. With the entire common area encroached, we are finding it difficult even to enter our flats," said Philip Raj, a resident of one of the flats.

He said that he has been running

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An eatery on the common area and the footpath; (inset) The space left for residents of first, second and third floors

"The total area of the flat on the ground floor is around 400 sq ft but each of them has encroached upon around 1,000 sq ft of the common area

– Auto rickshaw driver

Bring your own gear

BMTC staffers say they have not got uniform or shoes for 3 years now; allowance given says corporation

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Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) employees allege that the corporation has failed to provide them with uniforms and shoes for the past three years. They added that despite repeated appeals to the corporation, nobody has bothered to sort the issue out.

Now that the government has announced free travel for women, BMTC employees hope that their demands too would find a hearing. For the past three years, BMTC employees haven't received uniforms and shoes like their Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) counterparts. Since Covid-19, employees have been forced to wear the same set of uniforms and shoes or buy new ones at their own expense. Additionally, the BMTC employee union alleged that the BMTC MD refuses to meet them to discuss the matter.

A member of the union told BM, "We have requested the state government to provide us with uniforms and shoes. For the past three-four years, we have not received it. The cost of clothes and stitching rates have increased. In case employees are not provided with uniforms, they will have to buy it with their money. Though annually the cost of uniform, shoes and stitching charges get settled, the rates haven't been revised and are being settled at older rates."

A BMTC official confirmed that

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Poetry for the soul

Over the past decade, Bengaluru has developed its own subculture of Hindi poetry. At this event, four well-known Bangalore-based poets: Lovely Goswami, Mohit Kataria, Anuradha Singh, and Sourav Roy will be reading from their recent books. This will be followed by discussion and book signing; and an open mike recital (Anjuman). **Where: Atta Galatta**
When: June 11, 3 pm; info: 9742876892

02 Nada yoga time!

Yoga is a divine practice which unifies the body and mind. When Yoga is combined with the beautiful practice of Sound Healing, it is definitely a blissful experience. You surely don't want to miss this. Join with your friends and family for Nada Yoga, a combination of yoga and sound healing and experience a rejuvenating morning.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: June 11, 12 pm – 2 pm
Ticket: bookmyshow.com; Info: 8217211808

03 What an act!

Bengaluru Theatre Foundation presents "Nagamandala", a timeless classic filled with rich metaphors and has captured everybody's imagination for decades. However, a Kannada production of Nagamandala has not been staged for almost two decades. Bangalore Theatre Foundation is changing that by staging Nagamandala to celebrate Girish Karnad's 85th birth anniversary. Arjun Kabbina, a graduate of Rangayana returns to the stage after a successful stint last year with the popular Vidyarthi Bhavan. This bold production of Nagamandala, directed by Arjun Kabbina, takes a leaf out of Karnad's book and uses Yellamma's songs as a narrative anchor for the story.

Where: Prestige Srihari Khoday Performance Arts Centre, Konanakunte; When: June 11, multiple slots; Ticket: bookmyshow.com; Contact: 9380270128

Throat trouble? Blame the extreme weather

Due to Bengaluru's temperature shooting up one day and plummeting the other, doctors report sudden spike in throat infections among people

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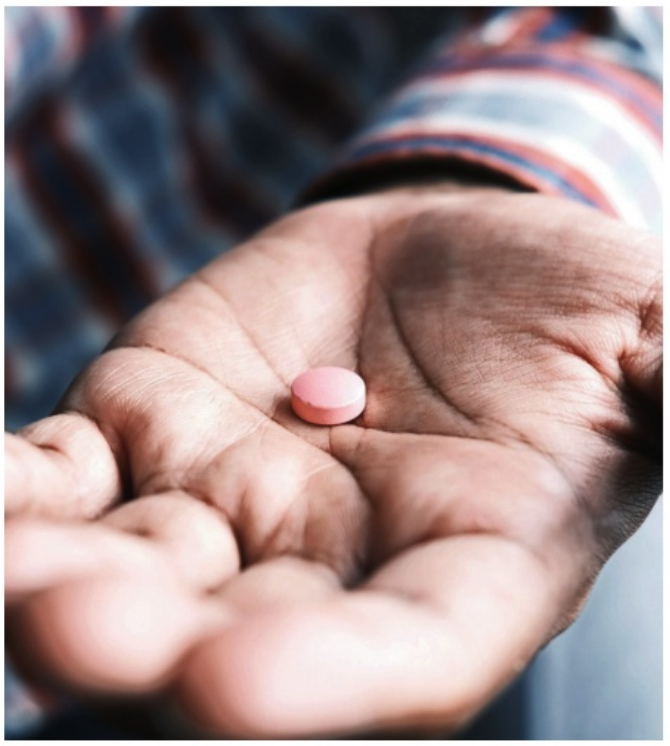
With Bengaluru's weather switching from sunny one day to rainy the other, there has been a spike in throat infections due to the extreme temperatures.

The fluctuation in the temperature is resulting in allergic pharyngitis or a benign virus causing he throat infections, doctors.

Dr Brunda (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital) told Bangalore Mirror that due to frequent weather alterations, our system is vulnerable to seasonal allergies such as throat infections; the conditions are highly susceptible to spreading the infection quickly for all age groups, but more so among children and senior citizens.

There was a steady increase of about three to four per cent compared to last year. Since these infections are highly contagious, do watch out for symptoms like difficulty swallowing, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and in some cases, stomach infections, and vomiting, said Dr Brunda.

Dr Dinesh V Kamath (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Malleswaram added, "Of late, we are seeing quite a number of patients coming to OPD with symptoms of fever, throat pain, cold, and cough. This is seen especially when the outside temperature fluctuates and is associated with rainfall also. We found that in most of these patients, blood reports are normal, indicating that it is of viral etiology. Due to high temperatures in April and May, patients have dehydration, losing a lot of water and electrolytes from their body, leading to exhaustion and reduction in their resistance levels, thereby contracting infections.



"Also because of the hot weather, people are indulging in taking more cold items, like buttermilk and cut fruits, which sometimes are not hygienic and resulting in the transmission of infection into their bodies. Thirdly, because of viral etiology, it soon spreads from one person to another. Whenever one person gets in the house, easily it can spread to other members."

Dr Balakrishna GK (Sr Consultant - Internal Medicine, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital) said that he too had seen increased incidence of upper respiratory tract infections among young adults mainly presenting with a moderate degree of temperature, throat pain, runny nose, headache, red eyes with erythematous non-pruritic rashes and painful dry cough with wheezing lasting for more than a week.

Most of these cases were managed with simple measures like salt water gargling and lozenges for symptomatic relief. Paracetamol, decongestant tablets, and cough syrup, and some required bronchodilators.

In addition to inhaled cortisol medications, antibiotics do not hasten recovery or reduce the frequency of bacterial complications. Only a few viruses have specific treatments for viral infections. Most of these weren't required hospitalization, he explained.

"The commonest infection among those include adenovirus, Rhinovirus, Epstein- Barr virus, Influenza virus, Parainfluenza virus, measles virus, and coronavirus. Usually, these infections occur during monsoon and winter seasons, However, likely reasons could be shifts in temperature, which include hot conditions during the day and cool weather from evening to early morning is responsible for these infections," he said.

Dr Kamath added that viral illness is self-limiting and not harmful. Most of these cases are being treated on an outpatient basis. With symptomatic treatment for fever, cough and cold, it gets settled within three to five days. As there is fluctuation in the summer temperature this time, they were seeing about eight to 10 patients per day.

Taking in liquids and eating healthy to prevent dehydration and fatigue is the best way to keeping infections at bay, say experts

"Prevention for this is mainly taking a lot of liquids orally to prevent dehydration and exhaustion and eating nutritive foods, drinking more electrolyte solutions like tender coconut ORS to increase their Immunity levels can definitely prevent these types of diseases.

Whenever some person in the family develops the symptoms, it's always good to immediately approach the medical practitioner, and get the treatment, isolate him so that it'll not spread to others," he said.

Geoinfomatics, now for BU students

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Bangalore University (BU) has started courses in BSc Honours and MSc Geography/Geoinformatics. Dr Ashok Hanjagi, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Geography at BU, said that the program curriculum has been designed on the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) model, which is a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to education that allows students to enter and exit the program at various points. He added that the curriculum would fulfil the significant knowledge criteria for vocational, professional, and skill development. Hanjagi said that students who complete the program will have a variety of options, including civil service, teaching, research, and geospatial industries (MNCs). He noted that all of these fields have equal opportunities in India and abroad.

On the reason for starting the courses in geography and geoinformatics, Hanjagi said that both subjects have equal opportunities in terms of getting jobs and gaining subject knowledge. He added that geoinformatics helps in understanding geography in a better way and making the best decisions to solve real-world problems. **— BMB**

Mixed signals upset commuters

Citizens complain of damaged, non-operational traffic signals causing chaos in city

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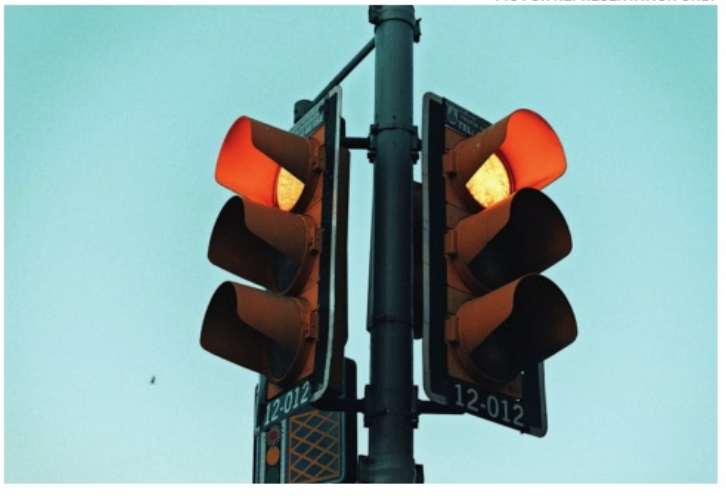

Traffic signals play a crucial role in managing the enormous traffic in Bengaluru. Unfortunately, recent studies conducted by Rise Up for Rights, an NGO, have revealed that a significant number of traffic signals in the city are not functioning properly. Some signals are obstructed from public view, hidden by trees or covered with flexes, while others have suffered damage. This poses a major inconvenience as drivers may inadvertently jump a non-functional signal and be fined for a violation they didn't commit. Adding to the problem, with the installation of new Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras by the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), fines have reportedly been on the rise. If the signals are out of order, commuters will be unjustly charged for an offense they couldn't have avoided.

Several commuters in the city have shared their experiences and the challenges they face due to these problematic traffic signals.

Hemanth Basrur, a daily commuter from Malleshwaram to Whitefield, said, "In residential areas like Malleswaram, Jayanagar, and Indiranagar, there are a few traffic signals that are obstructed by trees. In some locations, the signal counter lasts for only 30 seconds, and by the time it becomes visible, there's hardly any time to react. Commuters are forced to make a split-second decision: either take the risk of jumping the signal or abide by it. I've witnessed vehicles crossing signals when the timer is already ticking away and it's too late. This poses a danger to both drivers and pedestrians, and it can lead to accidents."

Sourabh Jahangir, a network engineer, said that the deteriorating condition of traffic signals is creating hardships for both drivers and pedestrians. "When a signal is obstructed by trees, especially during peak hours with heavy traffic, it becomes challenging for drivers to see the signal. This can result in accidents and traffic congestion, further worsening the situation. Additionally, if a signal is damaged, it becomes difficult for drivers to interpret its indications, especially during night time or bad weather conditions. This can lead to confusion and mishaps."

Jahangir also pointed out that the substandard condition of traffic signals can cause delays in traffic movement, leading to frustration among drivers, which can escalate into road rage and aggressive driving.

However, Bharat Kulkarni, another regular commuter, provided a different perspective based on his experience in his area. He said, "Personally, on my route, I haven't encountered any malfunctioning traffic lights. In Bengaluru, a significant percentage of traffic lights are operated by stationed policemen. This allows them to efficiently control the traffic lights based on the flow of vehicles from each direction. That being said, there are many traffic lights that rely on automated systems, operating on fixed time cycles. This system can be highly inefficient as it fails to adapt to real-time traffic conditions. Regarding malfunctioning traffic lights, I have come across a few here and there. They are often stuck on yellow throughout the day, forcing motorists to navigate through heavy traffic, a common sight at such intersections."

Kulkarni added that the city's traffic management system could benefit from an increased presence of policemen on the streets and the implementation of improved systems to handle automated traffic signals.

CRIME FILES

Man scams woman on pretext of marriage

Police have arrested a man for using a false identity to befriend a woman on a dating app/cheating her under the guise of marriage.

The accused, Mudasir, set up a phony account under the name Anirudh. Following many encounters, the pair engaged in a physical relationship after the man made a marriage proposal.

After a few days, the man convinced the woman that his mother was ill in order to take Rs 1 lakh from her. Later he pretended that his mother had passed away and he was traveling to Dubai to meet his brother.

His phone has been switched off since. The woman eventually tracked down the man on social media, but was shocked to learn his real name and that he was married with kids.

A complaint has been registered with the Amruthahalli Police Station and the accused has been arrested.

CCB busts prostitution racket

Meanwhile the CCB have arrested a gang for forcing young girls into prostitution under the pretext of offering them work. Nine of the accused have been caught. These individuals used to bring young women from outside the state, promising them job opportunities. Once in the city, the accused would keep the women in PG accommodations and coerce them into prostitution. **–BMB**

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The testimonies are out!

Activists hail 'new and improved' Kaveri 2.0 after implementation in Karnataka

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Social activists are hailing the new and improved Kaveri 2.0 platform for its convenience and ease of operations. The rollout of the citizen-friendly platform happened a few days ago.

The Centre for Study on Public Administration conducted an interim study based on the feedback received from various activists across the state and also from a few sub-registrars. "Kaveri 2.0 is an advanced version of Kaveri-1 with a slight modification. In Kaveri-1, data was being entered by the data entry operators working in the Office of the Sub-Registrars. But now, all data entry is required to be made by the presenter and submitted for prior approval," said the study.

This will reportedly reduce the time spent by the executants in the office premises of the Sub-Registrar drastically. "Since all documents required to be submitted are uploaded by the presenter himself before registration, this will drastically reduce the time required for registration from a few hours to a few minutes. A major advantage is that the presenter will have the choice of selecting the time and date of registration," it added.

The study observed that in some of the offices, including Sindhanoor, there was a waiting period of 30 to 40 days for the registration of documents relating to Mortgage Deed/Deposit of Title Deeds. Under Kaveri-1, the maximum number of documents that could be registered in a single day was around 40-50. Now it has been proven that even up to 144 documents can be registered in a single day by the Sub-Registrar. This has reduced the backlog that existed in rural branches.

> **"A major advantage is that the presenter will have the choice of selecting the time and date of registration**
>
> – Study by Centre for Study on Public Administration

The new and improved system also ensures the correctness of data entered in the documents since all data entered is scrutinised by the presenter as well as by the Sub-Registrar himself before registration.

BM Veeresha of the Centre for Study on Public Administration told Bangalore Mirror, "Under Kaveri 1, data used to be entered by operators located in sub-registrar offices. Entry of the data used to take half an hour for each document, and the entire registration process would take three or four hours. Under Kaveri 2, the data is entered by the user, prior approval is obtained from the sub-registrar, online payment is made, the date and time are fixed, and then the user visits the office.

The whole thing can be finished within 15 minutes. The system has been launched in Karnataka. It will lead to transparency and prevent harassment of people."

What is Kaveri?

The state government describes Kaveri as 'a web-based application of the Department of Stamps and Registration, Government of Karnataka which provides interface to the citizen required for document and marriage registration'. It enables citizens to know the details of stamp duty, property guidelines value, data entry for the document registration, marriage registration, and more. Kaveri 1.0 was introduced in September 2003, but it faced various limitations and experienced frequent breakdowns during the registration process. While Kaveri 1.0 was developed by Pune-based C-DAC, the newer version, Kaveri 2.0, was created by the Centre for Smart Governance and e-Governance Department.

Marking too much territory

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pillar to post to get some action against the encroachment of common areas for more than a year but nothing has worked out so far. "I wrote letters to all the authorities concerned.

I met East Zone Joint Commissioner Pallavi and explained about the encroachment of the common area and the footpath in front of BDA flats constructed on 2nd Main Road opposite BDA Shopping Complex. The Joint Commissioner directed the executive engineer to clear the encroachments but the executive engineer failed to act immediately," he said.

Expressing concern over the rampant encroachment of common areas, Shalini Fernandes, a resident, said her family members are struggling to park even their two-wheelers as most of the common areas and the footpath are encroached. "The authorities concerned must act against those responsible for putting up temporary structures on the common area," said Fernandes.

It is said that it is mostly those residing on the ground floor that are collecting thousands of rupees as rent for the temporary structures every month. "I am aware of the encroachment of the common area here. The total area of the flat on the ground floor is around 400 sq ft but each of them has encroached upon around 1,000 sq ft of the common area," said an auto rickshaw driver.

Expressing a similar opinion, Anthony VG, a resident of Block 2, said many people, who have encroached on the common area and the footpaths, are using it for commercial purposes. "I objected to a resident constructing a structure for commercial purposes on the vacant space.

The BBMP officials demolished the structure in 2017 but the resident got a stay order from a honourable court (OS No. 25648/17). I beseech the BBMP to remove all the illegal structures put up on the common area and the footpath," said Anthony.

Meanwhile, the BBMP had at the beginning of the week engaged workers to demolish one of the temporary structures . "I have already written a letter to the BDA, BBMP Health Department and Police appealing for a joint survey to remove the encroachments.

I will write one more letter seeking their help to conduct a joint survey and remove illegal structures," said BBMP assistant engineer D Murthy.

Till that happens, hapless residents of the first, second and third floors have to find ways to negotiate space.

'Allowances are being given'

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allowances are being given. "Instead of supplies, we are giving allowances to employees. It is a policy decision. We are giving the same rates as are given to KSRTC employees," said a senior BMTC official. The conductors and drivers earn an estimated Rs 25,000 per month and the additional expense of purchasing required gear is a burden to them considering the rising cost of living, rent, EMIs and school fees, they say. The corporation has 29,600 employees.

The union member added that many employees have been using the same uniform and shoes for the past three years. "In total, BMTC would have to incur Rs 20-25 crore annually for all its employees. The measure would be beneficial for the employees. However, BMTC MD refuses to meet us on this matter though we have submitted multiple appeals," he added. The BMTC employee union plans to meet the current transport minister soon to address the issues. They added that they had met the previous transport minister to highlight their issues.

Conductor incentive

With the new free travel for women scheme in buses, conductors' earnings are likely to get hit. Conductors used to earn incentives from a part of the daily collection. The union is also urging the state government to compensate the conductors for the loss. "With the issuance of free travel, the state government needs to compensate for the loss of conductor revenue. On the total collection, 1 percent goes to drivers and 1 percent goes to conductors. If 50 percent of passengers are women, then the incentive would fall by half. We will meet the transport minister and ask for compensation," he added.

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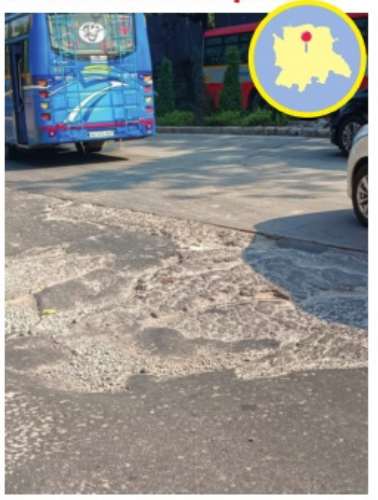

The roads are damaged on the upper way of Dr CNR Rao underpass towards Mekhri Circle/ Yeshwanthpur.

Save the trees

Church Street

Healthy trees are being 'killed' by concretisation – like this one at Church Street.

Not a dumpyard

Electronic City

This locality near Electronic City Phase 1 is turning into a garbage dump.

New rules by National Medical Commission

The National Medical Commission has modified the Graduate Medical Education Regulations-2023, which now state that students must complete a rotating medical internship to graduate.

The new rules also relax some of the eligibility criteria for NEET-UG, the national entrance exam for medical school. The new rules allow any student who passes Class 12 to take the exam, and their admission to a medical school will be based solely on their NEET-UG score.

The NMC has also made the medical admission process more centralised. Previously, state-level admission committees conducted admissions. However, the new rules state that all admissions will be conducted by the NMC's central admission committee. The NMC has also made provisions for punitive measures if a college denies admission to a centrally admitted student.

College transfers after the first year have been discontinued, meaning that students who are admitted to a college will not be able to transfer to a different medical college in the middle of their course.

The NMC has also decided to discontinue annual inspections of medical colleges. Instead, medical colleges will have to declare staff availability, attendance, and other details on affidavit. This will stop the practice of mass transfers of doctors at the time of NMC inspections, experts said.

The modified Graduate Medical Education Regulations 2023 have a slew of measures mandatory for medicos

The amendments also state that medical institutions will be able to offer a variety of choice-based credit courses of limited duration, in addition to the NMC curriculum. These courses will be given due weightage when the Medical Assessment and Rating Board of NMC accredits and rates medical institutions.

The Undergraduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) will publish the model curriculum and the outcome objectives of the same from time to time on the NMC website. This will form the basis for the development of a detailed medical curriculum by the concerned universities, along with the appropriate methodology.

Every student admitted in accordance with these regulations has to undergo training as per the guidelines published by the UGMEB of NMC. However, students will not be allowed more than four attempts for the first year (first professional MBBS) and no student will be allowed to continue their undergraduate medical course after nine years from the date of admission into the course. **BMB**

Four B'luru students in top 10

IN the COMED-K results announced on Saturday, four Bengalureans made it to the top 10 in the undergraduate entrance test (UGET). N Nandha Gopi Krishna from the city topped the exam, while Manus Agarwal from Gurugram came in second. COMED-K executive secretary Dr S Kumar said, "As in the previous year, the COMEDK counseling will be conducted online. Candidates are required to refer to the website (www.comedk.org) regularly for all updates."

B'luru's riders for life

City's bike clubs are a close-knit community of diverse people who bond over riding, adrenaline, and adventures

The bikers go on adventure trips and even contribute to many a charitable cause

BIKERS' BUZZ
BM'S PLATFORM TO MAKE THE GOOD RIDES ROLL

Nestled within Bengaluru's vibrant urban landscape, Bengaluru's bike clubs are a hidden gem. This close-knit community embraces the love for motorcycles, bridging boundaries and fostering camaraderie. With a passion for unforgettable adventures, the club brings together riders from diverse backgrounds to celebrate the exhilaration of zooming. From scenic countryside group rides to adrenaline-fueled track days, the clubs epitomise the thrill that unites them all.

"Bike clubs embrace a diverse group of passionate individuals united by the joy of motorcycle riding, sharing unique stories from seasoned veterans to eager novices. All bike clubs operate as non-profit organisations. The bike clubs are organised into multiple chapters, both within the country and abroad. These clubs can be classified into two types, the first type of club exclusively accepts bikers who own two-wheelers from a specific brand, while the second type welcomes riders with two-wheelers of any brand. However, a common requirement for bikers in either type of club is that the rider's two-wheeler must have an engine strength of at least 150cc," said Darshan R, founder of Aprilia Riders Club.

"Regular meetups, events, and group rides form the backbone of the club's activities, creating opportunities for members to bond, exchange knowledge, and push their limits together. These rides are executed through the common WhatsApp where every selected driver is informed about the rides. To join a bikers' club, interested individuals must fill a Google Form found on social media platforms, providing the necessary details, to explore and share their brotherhood," said M Sushanth, founder of Gixxer Bengaluru.

At these clubs, it's not just about the motorcycles themselves but the strong bonds forged between riders. Beyond the shared adrenaline rush and the unmistakable roar of engines, this community offers a support system that extends far beyond the realm of biking. Newcomers are embraced with open arms and encouraged to learn, grow, and embrace the thrill of the ride.

Sushanth added, "Whether it is a spirited breakfast ride to Nandi Hills, a long-distance expedition to the scenic Western Ghats, or even a charitable ride to raise awareness for a cause, Bengaluru's Bikers Club is constantly seeking new adventures and meaningful connections".

Srinidhi Hebbur, founder of Bajaj Avenger Club Bengaluru said that biker clubs prioritise safety as their top concern, emphasising responsible riding practices and the use of protective gear. They promote adherence to traffic rules and foster mutual respect between motorists and bikers, aiming to set a positive example for the community.

Additionally, these clubs educate riders on bike-specific road rules, such as using headlights for better visibility.

Addressing environmental concerns, they actively offset their carbon footprint through social awareness programs and sustainable initiatives, contributing to mitigating their impact on the environment.

"Under the Association of Biking Community (ABC) Formed in the year 2018 under which all the biking clubs come together once every four months, for social awareness and to practice social services. For instance, the bikers collaborate with autism NGOs to help spread the message through social media and various other means. They also conduct blood donation programs, where bikers willing to donate blood join together and ride to the donation location as part of their blood donation programs. The participants of these biking clubs collaborate with traffic cops, to educate and pass information to people about traffic laws and signals." said Rajesh M, founder of The Lycans Bengaluru.

Beyond the shared adrenaline rush and the unmistakable roar of engines, this community offers a support system that extends far beyond the realm of biking

— Esita Rani Mandal

IN BRIEF

College student kills self

A second-year engineering student died by suicide at a college in Bengaluru. The incident took place in Yelahanka New Town Police Station limits.

The student has been identified as Vivek, 20 from Davangere.

Police say that he hanged himself from the fan in the college hostel room on Saturday. The exact cause of death is not known yet.

The police visited the site and conducted an investigation. The verification work is going on to confirm if any witnesses can be found at the scene of the incident. The entry of other hostel students and staff inside the room of the scene of the incident has been restricted. **BMB**

Search on for woman's killer

Bannerghatta police are searching for the people who killed a woman and cut her body into pieces in Anekal.

The body of the woman was found on June 1. The Bannerghatta police, who had investigated the matter, formed a special team to track down the killers. A successful police operation resulted in the arrest of one person. Among the accused, Indal Kumar, 21, was caught by the police. The deceased woman has been identified as Geeta, 54.

The young men from Bihar were staying at Geeta's house and were forcing her to sign the house in their name. They killed her for not agreeing to it. Later, her body parts were packed in a plastic cover and transported elsewhere.

While a woman's head and a hand were found 1 km away from her house, the rest were found in the forest area of Bannerghatta Biological Park.

Investigation is also going on about alleged rape before the act. "It appears that this murder was done for property reasons," said the police.

Bengaluru Rural SP Mallikarjuna has stated that a trap has been laid for the main accused Pankaj Kumar, Sumeet and the rest of the accused. **BMB**

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BORN TO FLY

A great cormorant dries its wings with its back to the sun at Puttenahalli Lake, JP Nagar

The picture was clicked by BM reader **SK Srinivas**

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Another unfinished task: Lone road awaits here

Residents in Singapura complain about unrepaired dug-up road by BWSSB that was excavated for purpose of pipeline work

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Residents near Prakruti Layout in Singapura, ward 15 under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), said that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) left their works unfinished, leaving roads non-asphalted.

The dug road is filled with potholes and has gravel only on certain spots, causing problem to the residents

A resident of the area told Bangalore Mirror that pipeline work had been taken up by the BWSSB close to a year ago. While most of the stretch has been completed, a patch of close to 100 metres has been left unfinished. "Despite calling the contractors multiple times and calling the assistant engineer, there has been no progress. We are told that the work will be taken up tomorrow, but tomorrow never arrives," he said.

Similar complaints have been consistently raised, where residents complain of drain and pipeline works remaining unfinished

Bangalore Mirror
Digging for trouble in Doddamara Road

BM's report about the aftermath of BWSSB's work at various parts of the city

The dug road is ridden with potholes and has gravel only on certain spots, causing hassle to senior citizens who want to move around in the vicinity. The resident noted that while a majority of the work has been completed and the restoration process of asphalting the roads has begun, the BWSSB has left out this particular patch, leaving them clueless.

Similar complaints have been consistently raised, where residents complain of drain and pipeline works remaining unfinished, leading to the roads being in a shoddy state. Since the monsoons are soon approaching, resident welfare associations have been urging authorities to complete the long-pending works to ensure no untoward incident takes place.

DID YOU KNOW?

The origin of Agara Lake in Bengaluru can be traced back to a period from the 8th to the 9th centuries. The lake receives water from multiple sources, including the overflow from Madiwala Lake, the surrounding catchment area, and several rajakaluves. The Agara-Bellandur region, comprising wetlands, serves as the main pathway for the primary outflow of water from Agara Lake to flow towards Bellandur Lake via a network of streams. However, this connection has undergone fragmentation and urbanisation. Jagannath Swami Temple is one of the popular places located near this lake. The temple is located on Sarjapur Road in Agara, and its main festival is Rath Yatra.

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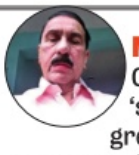
Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

TAPTHECHATTER

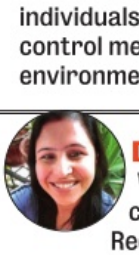
where Bengalureans speak their mind

How can you help the city to become less dusty?



MN Narahari, BM Reader
Our beautiful city, once called 'summer paradise' with plenty of greenery, has lost its glory. This is because of the huge chopping of trees to accommodate the metro. The old buses plying on roads are polluting the atmosphere.

Zaheera Anees, BM Reader
We should actively educate our community about the impacts of dust pollution and the measures individuals can take. By implementing dust control measures, we can create a cleaner environment.



Daisy Sarma, BM Reader
We can control the dust in the city by following a few basic steps. Reducing the number of vehicles as well as their speed is the need of the hour. Applying gravel to a dusty road surface can be another solution.

Aditya Kamble, BM Reader
To make the city less dusty, we should first cover unpaved road surfaces with gravel. Applying gravel to a dirt road surface can reduce dust. The gravel also provides a hard surface that protects the soil from vehicle wheels. This is an effective technique for a long period.

Anuj Sethi, BM Reader
The city needs to be better at containing and maintaining the construction around it in an organised and quick way. Road cleaning regularly will also make a great difference.

Prithvi Prasad, BM Reader
Trying to avoid frequent use of private vehicles, carpooling, or using public transport like the metro and BMTC helps me. In summer, splashing water on the area surrounding my house did help with temporary cooling.

SPEAK TO US

How are you planning to reuse your kitchen waste?

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Wanted: Somebody to guide wildlife protection

Wildlife conservationists call for need to appoint full-time Chief Wildlife Warden in state

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The Karnataka wildlife circle is abuzz with talk of the statutory post of Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) practically lying vacant following the promotion of incumbent Rajeev Ranjan to the head of the forest force recently.

While Karnataka's principal chief conservator of forests (head of forest force) is currently double-hatting as CWW, wildlife conservationists said that the position is statutory and has to be notified by the government. They further highlighted that CWW has an extremely important role to play when it comes to the protection and conservation of wildlife and habitats. Such posts should not be held by an officer with a concurrent charge.

"It has been a week since the incumbent was promoted as head of force and has been double-hatting as CWW. The post is extremely critical and must have a full-time officer without a delay of even one day. It is surprising to know that despite Karnataka having many PCCFs, the government has yet to appoint a full-time PCCF Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden. It is important that the state fill the position with an officer with experience in the field of wildlife conservation and a proven record of accomplishment," said a wildlife activist.

The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, confers various powers to CWW, including protection, conservation, and management of wildlife sanctuaries and wildlife. The official is thus responsible for the overall supervision of the tiger reserves, national parks, sanctuaries, conservation reserves, etc.

File photo of River Kali in Dandeli, Karnataka

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The post also serves as the main point of contact with various agencies, such as the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Wildlife Institute of India, Central Zoo Authority, etc., concerning various issues about wildlife.

"The Chief Wildlife Warden is also the member secretary of the State Board for Wildlife and is thus responsible for the formulation of various policies, guidelines, and decisions pertaining to wildlife-related matters. They make recommendations concerning the diversion of forest lands in protected areas for various development projects and also grant permits for scientific research, tourism, and education purposes in PAs," said a city-based wildlife conservationist.

According to the Karnataka Forest Department, the process of filling in the position is already underway.

"The current head of the force still holds the CWW position in the state. However, we are aware of the importance of the role, and the department has already sent the file to the Chief Minister's office. We are expecting the orders to arrive in a couple of days," a senior official from the department.

When BM reached out to Karnataka's Environment, Forest, and Ecology Minister Eshwar Khandre, he said, "My discussion with the Chief Minister on this issue is pending. However, a preliminary dialogue exchange has already happened, and the position will be filled as early as possible."

Monsoon enters Karnataka

On Saturday, the southwest monsoon further advanced into some more parts of the central Arabian Sea, the remaining parts of Kerala, some parts of Karnataka, some more parts of the southwest Bay of Bengal, the entire east-central Bay of Bengal, most parts of the northeast Bay of Bengal, some parts of the northwest Bay of Bengal, and most parts of the northeastern states.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) release said that the conditions were favourable for the further advance of the southwest monsoon into some more parts of the central Arabian Sea, some more parts of Karnataka, Goa, some parts of Maharashtra, some more parts of Tamil Nadu, some more parts of the southwest and west-central Bay of Bengal, the entire northeast Bay of Bengal, some more parts of the northwest Bay of Bengal, the remaining parts of the northeastern states, and some parts of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during the next 48 hours. **–BMB**

Mekedatu Dam: Issue to be solved?

The Cauvery Tribunal meeting, which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on June 16, is unlikely to discuss the Mekedatu Dam issue which has been a bone of contention between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

After the Congress government in Karnataka announced that it has allocated an amount of Rs 8000 crore for the construction of Mekedatu Dam across Cauvery, pressure has started to build in Tamil Nadu. The state's Water Resources Minister S Duraimurugan said that Tamil Nadu would not allow any construction across the Cauvery. Meanwhile, the Cauvery Tribunal said that it will not take any decision regarding the issue as the tribunal has taken a position of 'uniform stand' on the issue pertaining to Mekedatu or Cauvery basin as the matter is before the Supreme Court. **–IANS**

Bengaluru students make a splash, win big

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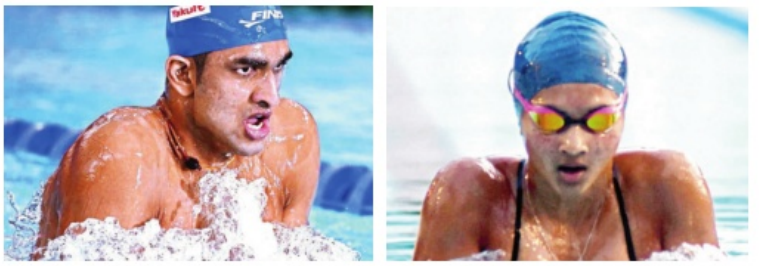
Siva Sridhar and Shrungi Bandekar set the recently-concluded Khelo India University Games swimming pool on fire with some stunning performances in Bengaluru's Jain University colours.

Siva Sridhar, who holds India's national record in the 200 m individual medley, won gold in the 400 m individual medley with a new meet record of 4:37.21, bagged eight gold medals, and was adjudged the best swimmer among men. His Jain University teammate Shrungi Bandekar won five gold and four silver medals to emerge as the best among women.

Out of their total of 16 gold medals up for grabs, Jain University won a whopping 13 gold medals in swimming competitions.



Siva Sridhar and Shrungi Bandekar bagged total of 13 gold medals

Siva has been grabbing headlines with his performances on the national as well as the international stage. He won a record seven gold medals and two silvers, and in the process, he won the individual champion title in the Khelo India University Games last time in Bengaluru. He repeated his effort this year in Noida as well.

Now in his early 20s, Siva has made a name for himself in the international arena as well, winning the 400 m individual medley at the South Asian Games 2019. Siva also holds the national swimming record in the 200 m individual medley with a time of 1:59.80 at the FINA World Swimming (25 m) Championships in 2022.

He received his first training at Perks School under coach Hari Das. However, training in a small 25 m pool for a few years was not enough. Siva, being an exceptional talent, needed better coaching and facilities for him to rise higher. On the coach's recommendation, Siva's father left his job in Coimbatore and moved to Bengaluru. He joined the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre (BAC) in Bengaluru and came under the tutelage of the now-legendary coach Pradeep Kumar. The Dronacharya Award winner had a champion-in-the-making, and he moulded him into just that.

"That is where I really started developing the foundations of swimming and started performing as a sub-junior and a junior swimmer. That is when I started winning medals," Siva recalled. He later trained in South Africa and then came back to India in 2017. "When I came back, I couldn't even qualify for nationals. It was bad, and I had to work hard to bounce back," he added.

However, the young swimmer kept working hard and improved a lot. Siva Sridhar clinched his first medals at the senior national championship in 2019, ending with three golds, one silver, and one bronze.

Shrungi dazzles

Shrungi Bandekar won the individual champion award in the women's category at the Khelo India University Games in Noida, representing Jain University, Bengaluru, with five gold and four silver medals. She claimed gold medals in the 200 m backstroke, IM, 100m freestyle, 4x100 relay freestyle, and 4x100 m IM relay. "My coach, Bhushan Kumar, conducted extensive training. I also had to prepare for my second-year examination. I am glad I did well," said Shrungi. With the senior nationals and the National Games around the corner, all eyes will be on these two.

Neo-pop art star Takashi Murakami sees wave of change coming thanks to AI-powered software

Love & fear of AI

Neo-pop art superstar Takashi Murakami has always embraced new technology and was an early adopter of crypto and NFTs, but even he admits fearing that AI might make him obsolete.

Murakami, 61, has become a brand unto himself thanks to his loveable technicolour paintings that mix traditional Japanese art motifs with modern anime and manga. His paintings have sold for millions of dollars, led to fashion collaborations with Louis Vuitton and Kanye West, and been shown at some of the world's great institutions, prized as insightful commentary on the fine line between art and commerce.

It has not always made him popular with Japan's art establishment, but Murakami likes being a disruptor. He sees another wave of change coming thanks to AI-powered software. "The generational change will be dramatic," he told AFP at the opening of a new exhibition at the Gagosian gallery on the outskirts of Paris.

It reminds him of the arrival of the Apple II computer in the 1980s that swept away an older generation of design professionals, but empowered those who embraced it. "AI will certainly do damage to technical trades but I don't think it will be able to block our ideas," he said. "The wackiest ideas, those that even AI cannot generate, will become even more valuable."

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Japanese artist Takashi Murakami poses at the Gagosian art Gallery in Le Bourget, Paris on Thursday

That does mean power perhaps shifting from artists to tech engineers, who will be able to explore things that are hard to imagine at the moment. "Artists who create familiar things will be left behind," he said. "I myself work with a certain kind of fear of one day being replaced." Ironically, Murakami says he was touched to finally receive some praise from a more traditional part of Japanese society with his recent work in homage to Kabuki theatre.

He spoke to AFP in front of an enormous 23-metres-long by 5-metres-high fresco that tells a Kabuki narrative in his dazzling, cartoonish style.

"I'm not very appreciated in Japan," he said, wearing Bermuda shorts and a jacket adorned with his famous smiling flowers.

"My reputation is fairly bad because I'm seen as presenting a false image of Japanese culture to the rest of the world. This is the first time I was welcomed in this way in Japan. I was very pleased."

Nonetheless, his commitment to technological change is clear.

Visitors to Saturday's gallery opening -- requiring some dedication since it was hidden away among the private jet hangars near Charles de Gaulle airport -- were set to receive an NFT of a flower-adorned virtual coin.

The show includes a wall of NFT-style pixelated portraits that draw a line from Karl Marx and Adam Smith to current tech honchos Vitalik Buterin and Elon Musk.

Like all his work, they are deceptively simple, seemingly printed, yet in fact painstakingly painted by hand and then lacquered to remove any sign of human involvement and create his renowned "Superflat" aesthetic.

He sees this work as building a bridge between traditional and digital art, but admits they can be a hard sell.

The world of crypto is "like a new continent" still being discovered. "It will take several more years for people to get used to it," he said. **AFP**

Can a chatbot preach a good sermon?

The artificial intelligence chatbot asked the believers in the fully packed St. Paul's church in the Bavarian town of Fuerth to rise from the pews and praise the Lord.

The ChatGPT chatbot, personified by an avatar of a bearded Black man on a huge screen above the altar, then began preaching to the more than 300 people who had shown up on Friday morning for an experimental Lutheran church service almost entirely generated by AI. "Dear friends, it is an honor for me to stand here and preach to you as the first artificial intelligence at this year's convention of Protestants in Germany," the avatar said with an expressionless face and monotonous voice. The 40-minute service — including the sermon, prayers and music — was created by ChatGPT and Jonas Simmerlein, a theologian and philosopher from the University of Vienna. "I conceived this service — but actually I rather accompanied it, because I would say about 98% comes from the machine," the 29-year-old scholar told The Associated Press.

This year's gathering is taking place under the motto "Now is the time." That slogan was one of the sentences Simmerlein fed ChatGPT when he asked the chatbot to develop the sermon.

People attend a church service in Nuremberg, Germany

"I told the artificial intelligence 'We are at the church congress, you are a preacher ... what would a church service look like?'" Simmerlein said. He also asked for psalms to be included, as well as prayers and a blessing at the end. "You end up with a pretty solid church service," Simmerlein said, sounding almost surprised by the success of his experiment.

Indeed, the believers in the church listened attentively as the AI preached about leaving the past behind, focusing on the challenges of the present and so on. The service was "led" by four different avatars on the screen. **AP**

BITS & BYTES

META WOOS CELEBS

As people search for "sanely run" Twitter alternatives, Meta's upcoming micro-blogging platform will use Instagram's account system to automatically populate a user's information.

Meta is in discussions with big celebrities to become early users of its Twitter alternative, like Oprah Winfrey, the Dalai Lama and DJ Slime, reports The Verge.

The new standalone app will be based on Instagram and integrate with 'ActivityPub', the decentralised social media protocol,Athe report noted. The project was first named Project 92. Now, it is also known as 'Threads'. **IANS**

CREATORS TO GET PAID

Twitter will soon start paying creators on the platform for the ads served in their replies, Elon Musk announced on Saturday.

Twitter has kept aside $5 million to pay creators to begin with. "In a few weeks, X/Twitter will start paying creators for ads served in their replies. First block payment totals $5 million," Musk said.

The creator must be verified and only ads served to verified users count, he mentioned. Earlier this week, Musk announced a feature that will benefit content creators. "This platform will provide email addresses of subscribers (who opt in) to content creators, so that creators are able to leave this platform easily & take their subscribers with them if they want," he added. **IANS**

HIS MASTER'S VOICE

Microsoft has launched a new 'voice chat' feature to its AI-powered Bing Chat on the desktop, which will let users talk to the AI chatbot by clicking on the microphone icon in the Bing Chat box.

Currently, the voice chat feature supports five languages — English, Japanese, French, German, and Mandarin. The company said it will add more languages soon. "We currently support English, Japanese, French, German, and Mandarin, with more languages on the way. Try asking Bing Chat -- How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?," Microsoft said in a blogpost on Friday. **IANS**

'Best illustration of abuse of law'

Case of rape by woman against husband in marriage that lasted 1 day stayed

The High Court of Karnataka passed an interim order of stay on the complaint filed by a woman, alleging among other things, rape, by her husband with whom she lived for only one day.

"If this cannot be a case where the complainant has abused the process of law, prima facie, there cannot be a better illustration," the HC said while granting the stay on the criminal process against the husband and his family members.

IN HIGH COURT

The husband and his family members had approached the High Court challenging the complaint filed by the wife and the registration of the case under Sections 376(2)(j), 342, 323, 504, 506 r/w Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The two were colleagues at a MNC motorbike showroom in Bengaluru.

They courted each other for four years before marrying on January 27, 2023 in a temple and then got the marriage registered before the Registrar of Marriages in Malleshwaram. The same day, the wife's birthday was celebrated.

The husband allegedly came to know of the wife's earlier affair and her being in touch with the other person on WhatsApp. A squabble the following day led to the wife walking out of the matrimonial house on January 29.

"It is averred that she threatened to end the marriage with the first petitioner. From 29.01.2023 to 01.03.2023 close to 32 days there was no interaction between the two, and after 32 days, complainant files a complaint before the jurisdictional police alleging the afore-quoted offences," the HC noted. The wife's police complaint said that she "did not know what happened to her on the date of marriage. She claims she was intoxicated. She further claims that she does not remember having signed anything before the Registrar of Marriages. She further alleges that the petitioners on coming to know of her earlier affair had tortured her. As per the allegations in the complaint, though she was married, because of the aforesaid circumstances, the alleged sexual act between the two after marriage amounts to rape."

The HC which heard the husband's and his family members' petition said, "The complainant having fallen in love, being in a relationship for few years marries the first petitioner, lives for few days and then alleges rape. It does not stop at the first petitioner, but all the members of the family of the first petitioner who were present at the marriage are dragged into the web of crime."

Granting the interim stay, the HC said, "Therefore, there shall be an interim order of stay of investigation and further proceedings in Crime No.23 of 2023 qua the petitioners, till the disposal of the petition. Accordingly, application stands allowed." -PTI

Woman has claimed she has no memory of what happened on day of marriage

Murder of wife, kids: Death sentence confirmed

A division bench of the Dharwad Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has confirmed the death sentence on a man who killed five persons including his three minor children. The HC has also issued several directions to the prosecution in cases where it is seeking the death penalty.

"The atrocity of the crime resulting in five deaths including 3 children below 10 years of age and the brutality with which the same has been committed, leaves us no option but to confirm the order of death sentence passed by the trial court, which we do with a heavy heart. This in our considered opinion qualifies the test of rarest of rare cases requiring the award of death penalty," the bench of Justices Suraj Govindaraj and G Basavaraja said. -PTI

Devas CEO is fugitive economic offender

Ramachandran Vishawanathan, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Devas Multimedia Private Limited, has been declared as a fugitive economic offender by a special court here.

The 21st Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, the special judge for CBI cases on Thursday declared Vishwanathan a Fugitive Economic Offender (FEO) while allowing an application filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under Section 4 read with Section 10 and 12 of Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018

Vishwanathan is one of the nine accused in a money laundering case filed by the ED in 2018. They were accused of diverting 85 per cent of the Rs 579 crore received from Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) commercial arm Antrix Corporation to the US.

The investment was received under a satellite deal with Antrix Corporation signed in 2005. Under the deal, Devas was to use two satellites of ISRO for providing multimedia services in remote areas. However, the deal was annulled by the government in 2011.

Special public prosecutor P Prasanna Kumar pleaded to the court to declare Vishwanathan a FEO and confiscate his properties.

Principal Special Judge KL Ashok noted that a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) is active against Vishwanathan.

The NBW was issued after the accused failed to appear before the court in response to the summons. The judge ruled that the requirement under Section 2 (F) of Fugitive Economic Offender Act is clearly applicable to Vishwanathan.

The trial court had issued two notices in December 2022 to appear before it. The notices were sent to him through the Ministry of External affairs but he failed to attend the hearing. -IANS

Train tragedy: CBI seals Bahanaga station for now

#BHUBANESWAR

For the purpose of investigation being conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), trains will not stop at the Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Odisha where the triple train tragedy took place on June 2 evening.

The CBI, which is probing the horrific train accident that claimed 288 lives, has sealed the equipment and records room at the Bahanaga Bazar railway station. So, the station will remain sealed till the investigation is complete. No train will stop at the station till the CBI gives the green signal to the railway authorities, said Aditya Kumar Chaudhary, chief PRO, South Eastern Railway.

NATION

Chaudhary said the CBI has sealed the station after seizing the log book, relay panel and other equipment.

"The relay interlocking panel has been sealed prohibiting access to the staff to the signalling system. No passenger or goods train will stop at Bahanaga Bazar till further notice," he added.

While around 170 trains cross the Bahanaga Bazar railway station every day, only passenger trains like Bhadrak-Balasore MEMU, Howrah Bhadrak Baghajatin fast passenger, and Kharagpur Khurda Road fast passenger make a stop at the station for a minute.

Meanwhile, 207 of the 288 bodies recovered after the accident have been identified and returned to their families. The remaining 81 bodies are lying at the AIIMS Bhubaneswar mortuary. The claimants are waiting for DNA test reports. After DNA matching, the bodies will be handed over to the genuine family members. According to officials, all unclaimed bodies will be cremated by scientific procedure. -IANS

A portion of Bahanaga High School building that was used as a temporary morgue for victims, being demolished

Part of school building demolished

Amidst rumours of supernatural presence at the Bahanaga High School building in Balasore, which served as a temporary mortuary for the victims of the Odisha train accident, an assistant teacher of the school has refuted the claims of any spirits existing on the premises. The teacher emphasised that the reports of presence of spirits are untrue. However, due to the concerns raised by parents and students, the decision has been made to demolish the current school building and construct a new one. "Parents and children have refused to come to the school saying that bodies were kept there. The District Magistrate visited yesterday. This is all a superstition. The new building will be built after demolishing the rooms in which the bodies were kept," said a teacher. -ANI

PVR CINEMAS {Phoenix Market City, 12:45, 6:45 p.m. | Forum, 9:40, 3:50 p.m. | Nexus Mall, 9:30, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50 p.m. | Orion Mall, 12:30, 6:40, 9:45, 10:30 p.m. | Orion Uptown Mall, 4:20, 6:35, 10:00 p.m. | MSR Regalia Mall, 11:10, 3:10, 7:00, 9:05 p.m. | VR Mall, 12:35, 1:55, 3:35, 10:00 p.m. | Vaishnavi Saphire Mall, 3:50, 7:15, 10:15 p.m. | Vega City Mall, 9:45, 12:50, 4:00, 10:15 p.m. | Bharatiya, 3:40, 6:50, 10:30 p.m. | REX DIRECTORS CUT MG Road, 11:20, 9:45 p.m. | The Cinema @ GT Mall, Magadi Road, 12:05, 6:55, 10:00 p.m. | The Aura, Whitefield, 6:50, 9:30 p.m.} | INOX {JP Nagar, 9:00 p.m. | Garuda Mall, 3:10, 9:00 p.m. | Lido, 9:00 p.m. | Nexus, Whitefield, 6:50, 10:00 p.m. | Mantri Mall, 9:50 p.m. | Malleshwaram, 10:10 p.m.} | KINO CINEMAS {Seegehalli Kadugodi, 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:50 p.m.} | CINEPOLIS CINEMAS {Royal Meenakshi Mall, 10:00, 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50 p.m. | ETA Mall, Binny Mill, 9:40, 4:30, 10:30 p.m. | East Orion Mall, 9:50, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10 p.m. | Shantiniketan, 10:25, 7:10, 7:25 p.m. | SJR Spectrum Mall, 1:20, 4:20, 10:00, 10:30 p.m. | Lulu Mall, 10:30, 1:35, 4:40, 7:05, 10:30 p.m., VIP, 7:15 p.m. | PNR Felicity Mall Haralur Rd, 7:25 p.m.} | | GOPALAN {Grand Mall, 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 p.m. | LEGECY MALL, 1:00, 7:00 p.m. | INNOVATION MALL Bannerghatta Road, 4:30 p.m. | Sirsi Circle, 1:00, 7:00 p.m.} | HMT DIGITAL {Jalahalli, 11:15, 9:45 p.m.} | LAKSHMI THEATRE {Tavarekere, 1:00, 10:00 p.m.} | MUKUNDA CINEMA {M.S.Nagar, 2:00 p.m.} | PUSHPANJALI {Sultanpalya, 11:00, 6:00 p.m.} | AMRUTH CINEMA {Lingarajapuram, 2:00 p.m.} | ANJAN CINEMA {Magadi Road, 4:15, 10:05 p.m.} | BRUNDHA {Hongasandra, 1:00, 7:00, 10:00 p.m.} | SAMPIGE CINEMA {Malleshwaram, 4:30, 7:30 p.m.} | SRI KRISHNA {Bomanahalli, 7:00, 9:30 p.m.} | SRI LAKSHMI {Rammurthy Nagar, 2:30, 9:30 p.m.} | SRI RENUKA PRASANNA THEATRE {J P Nagar, 2:30 p.m.} | SWAGATH POORNIMA {JC Road, 1:45 p.m.} | CINEPHILLE {Bangalore, 7:30 p.m.} | ANJAN THEATRE {Magadi} | MADESHWARA THEATRE {7:00 p.m.} | SANDHYA THEATRE {Madiwala, 10:30, 7:00 p.m.} | PUSHPANJALI THEATRE {B N Pura, 6:15 p.m.} | BRUNDA THEATRE {Hongasandra, 1:00, 10:00 p.m.} | MANASA THEATRE {Konanakunte Cross, 7:00 p.m.} | MUKUNDA THEATRE {Sevanagar, 2:00 p.m.} | SAMPIGE THEATRE {Malleshwaram, 4:30, 3:00 p.m.} | DRC CINEMAS {Mysore, 4:15, 7:00 p.m.} | RAJKAMAL THEATRE {Mysore} | VIJAY THEATRE {Mysuru Road, 5:15, 8:15 p.m.} | PVR CINEMAS {Forum Mangalore, 3:30 p.m. | Globle Mall, Mysore, 6:35, 9:30 p.m.} | CINEPOLIS CINEMAS {City Central Mangalore} & Other Cinemas.

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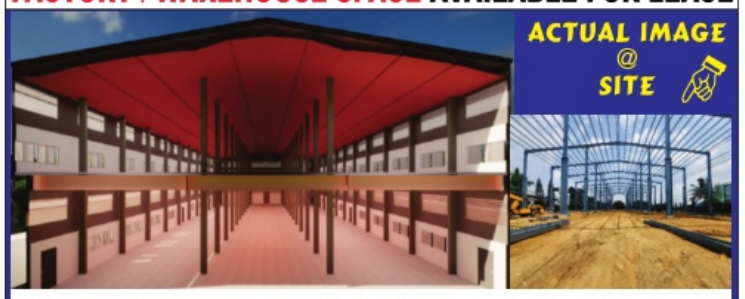

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Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal

Sonakshi and Zaheer worked together in 'Double XL' and also a single. They've made several appearances together at various parties but have not spoken about their relationship. On Sonakshi's birthday recently, Zaheer dropped a heartfelt post with some pictures with her. He said, "Kuch toh log kahenge, logon ka kaam hai kehna but you can always lean on me." He ended his note with "I love you". Fans thought he had almost confirmed their relationship.

Tamannaah & Vijay Varma

A video of new year's eve went viral where fans spotted Vijay and Tamannaah hugging and kissing in Goa at a party. That sparked rumours of their relationship. Post that, Vijay has always blushed every time he was teased about Tamannaah. They've also dropped comments on each other's posts and have been clicked together in the city for lunch and dinner dates. But neither of the two have officially confirmed their relationship yet.

MATCH THE FOLLOWING

Netizens are quite sure these celebs are dating, but nothing's official yet

Dating rumours are quite common in B-town, whether or not celebs choose to accept it. More often, there's also no truth to these speculations.

At the moment, there are some rumoured couples who are already loved by fans, they've been spotted together on several occasions and yet, they've chosen to not admit to their relationship. Some have refrained from opening up about their personal life and one surely respects that. But here's looking at some rumoured couples who've chosen to not comment on their relationship yet! **ETimes**

Navya Nanda and Siddhant Chaturvedi

Netizens are so sharp that they once saw a picture of Siddhant standing in a balcony on a holiday and then they spotted the same balcony in a picture shared by Navya. The rumoured couple was recently spotted together at the airport for the first time as they returned from Goa. They were twinning in white. Siddhant had also attended Shweta Bachchan Nanda's birthday party at Amitabh Bachchan's house in Juhu. But neither of the two have made their relationship Instagram official or spoken about it.

Aditi Rao Hydari and Siddharth

Aditi Rao Hydari and Sidharth have chosen not to speak about each other. Their video where they danced together on 'Tam Tam' was too adorable to miss and fans were in awe of the couple. They've also wished each other on social media on birthdays but when Aditi was asked to comment on her relationship at an event recently, she crossed her fingers and gestured to zip her lips and not speak about it.

Ananya Panday and Aditya Roy Kapur

Ananya and Aditya were at the FIFA World Cup together with Ananya's father Chunky Panday. Aditya's brother Kunal Roy Kapur was also with him. Their chemistry was evident when they posed together at Manish Malhotra's diwali bash. But neither of the two have publicly opened up about their equation with each other.

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COLD NOODLE SALAD

Hand-tossed soba noodles with Burmese pickled tea leaves and sunflower seed pesto, finished with smoked Bandel cheese

INGREDIENT
- Tea Leaf Pesto:
- Tea Leaves (regular) – ⅔ cups
- Fresh Garlic – 1 tbsp
- Sunflower toasted Seed – 1.5 tbsp
- Oil – 2 tbsp

Pesto Noodle:
- Boiled Buckwheat Noodles – 2 cups
- Spicy Tea Leaf – 1 tbsp
- Salt to taste
- Toasted Sunflower Seed – 1 tsp
- Grated Smoked Bandel Cheese – 1 tbsp
- Salad Oil – 2 tsp

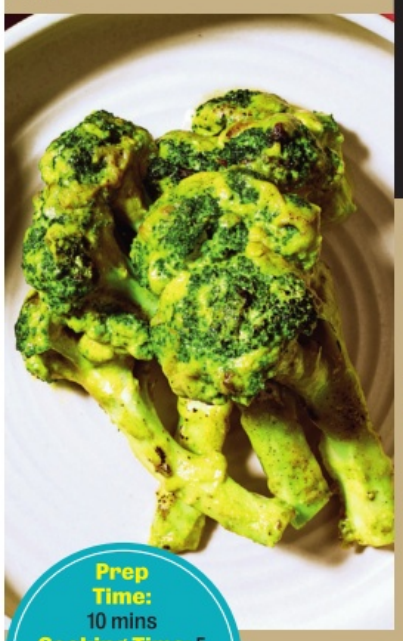
METHOD
- To make the tea leaf pesto, place the tea leaves, fresh garlic, and sunflower seeds in a mixer jar and grind to a coarse paste. Once done, keep it aside.
- In a wok, toss the boiled buckwheat noodles with the prepared Tea Leaf Pesto, add salt, spicy tea leaf and half of the roasted sunflower seeds until mixed well.
- Place the noodles in the serving dish and garnish with grated Bandel Cheese and the remaining sunflower seeds.

Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 2 mins
Serves 2

A slice of Burma

Given its geographical location, Burmese cuisine is a unique amalgamation of its migrant food cultures melded with its indigenous offering

BURMESE BROCCOLI BITES



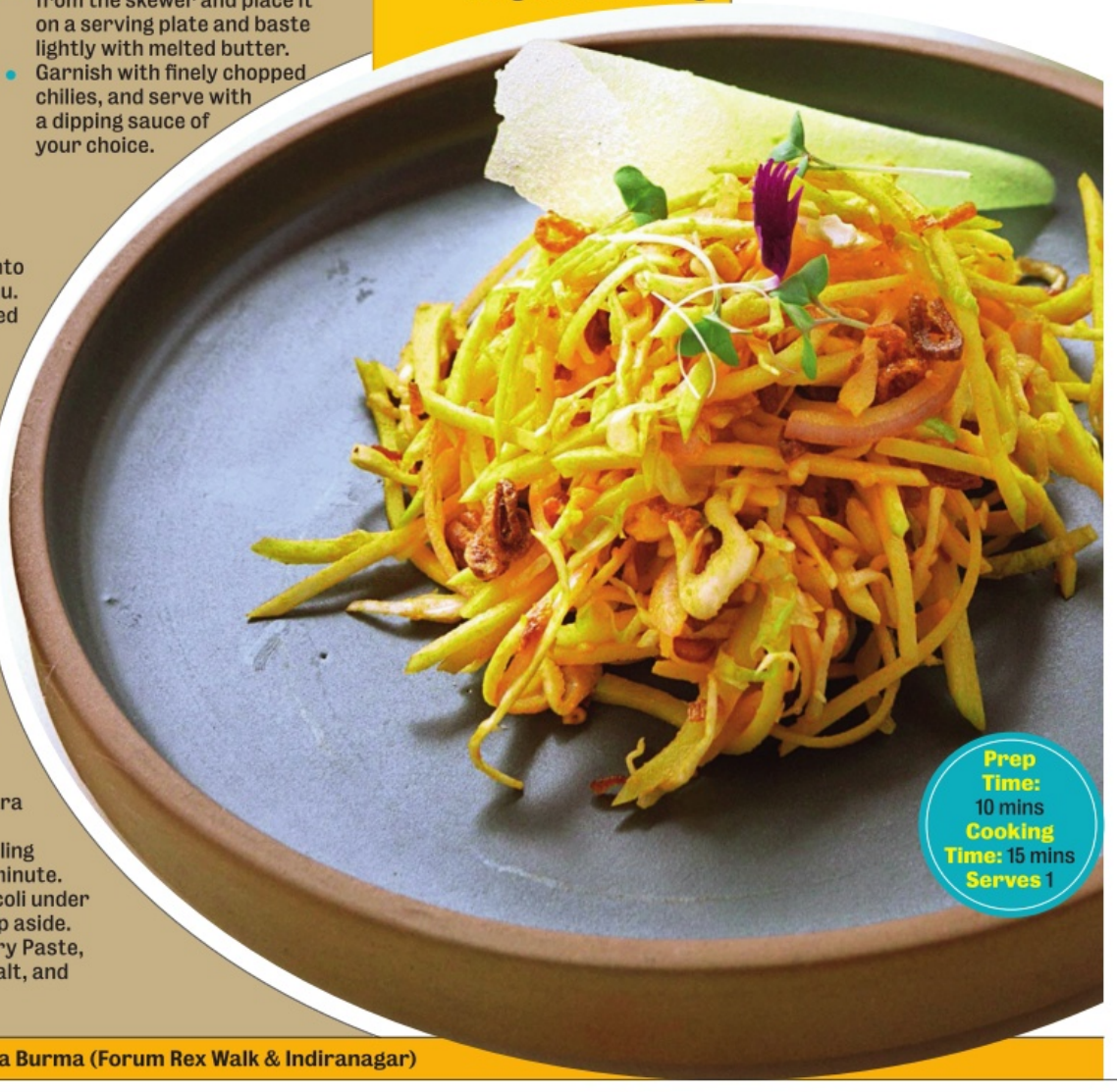
Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 5 mins
Cooking Time: 45-60 mins
Serves 1

This versatile appetiser fits into any meal or menu. Broccoli marinated in Khowsuey curry paste and hung curd and grilled.

INGREDIENT
- Broccoli – 1.5 cups
- Hung Curd – ½ cup
- Dry Mango Powder – 2 tsp
- Cumin Powder – 2 tsp
- Salt to taste
- Burma Burma Khowsuey Curry Paste – 3 tbsp
- Butter – 1 tbsp

Garnish
- Green Chillies & Melted Butter

METHOD
- Wash and cut broccoli into medium-sized, long florets with neatly trimmed stems for that extra crunch.
- Bring a pot of salted water to a rolling boil and blanch the broccoli for a minute.
- Remove from heat, rinse the broccoli under cold running water, drain, and keep aside.
- In a large bowl, mix Khowsuey Curry Paste, hung curd, dried mango powder, salt, and cumin powder.
- Marinade the broccoli florets in the above mixture and rest for 45 minutes.
- Skewer the broccoli florets and grill or bake in an oven for 8-10 minutes.
- Melt the butter and keep ready.
- Remove the cooked broccoli from the skewer and place it on a serving plate and baste lightly with melted butter.
- Garnish with finely chopped chilies, and serve with a dipping sauce of your choice.



Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 15 mins
Serves 1

By Chef Ansab Khan, Head Chef, Burma Burma (Forum Rex Walk & Indiranagar)

RAW MANGO SALAD

A popular street food in Burma, this refreshing salad with raw mango and cabbage and lettuce with its distinct sweet, spicy and tangy taste, is a perfect addition to your summer meal

INGREDIENTS
- Raw Mango (julienne)– 2 cups
- Cabbage White (shredded) – ½ cup
- Iceberg Lettuce (shredded) – ½ cup
- Red Onion (sliced) – ½ cup
- Roasted Chilli Powder – ½ tsp
- Skinless Peanut – 2 tsp
- Chilli Oil – 1 tsp
- Honey – 4 tsp
- Salt to taste
- Aromat Broth Powder – 3 tsp
- Sugar Powdered – ½ tsp
- Gram Flour Roasted – 1 tsp
- Salad Oil – ½ tsp

METHOD
- Roast the gram flour in a pan, on a slow flame till it turns slightly brown, and the raw aroma disappears.
- Roast peanuts lightly and keep aside.
- Heat oil in a pan and fry the sliced onions to a golden brown and remove from the pan and drain on kitchen tissue.
- In the same pan, with the oil at a lukewarm temperature, add the roasted chilli powder and toss gently for a minute. Remove it from the oil and keep it aside.
- In a mixing bowl add shredded iceberg lettuce, raw mango julienne, shredded cabbage, spices, and all other ingredients and mix lightly.
- Place in a serving bowl and serve at room temperature.

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My husband stuck up a friendship with his hairdresser, who he's been going to for a few years. At first I thought nothing of it, even the fact that they had each other's numbers.
I didn't feel threatened at all.
Then he started being protective over his phone and even raced halfway across the room to pick it up when it pinged! I started getting suspicious, so I managed to get hold of his phone and look through it. There were dozens of flirty messages between them and in one he even said he'd take the dog for a walk, so he could swing by her salon.
I went mad and accused him of having an affair, but he denied it and said they'd just got close as friends.
He promised he'd find a new hairdresser and that he wouldn't text her again, but the other night he left his phone on the table while he was in the shower and a text came through from her.
I'm furious. What should I do?

COLEEN SAYS

Well, I think an emotional affair is what's going on, whether he wants to admit it or not. He's grown close to another woman, they're obviously confiding in each other, he's looking for excuses to see her and he deliberately hid their messages from you. It's very easy to claim there's "nothing going on" when nothing physical has happened, but the fact is, he's hiding this relationship from you because he knows it's crossing a line.
This kind of "affair" can hurt just as much as a sexual one. You have to confront him over this latest message. Don't let him wriggle out of it and claim you're paranoid, so you can make a decision.
He promised you he'd stop messaging her and he hasn't. Does he want to keep this friendship or keep his marriage? Good luck.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

The average age of a family of 6 members is 22 years. If the age of the youngest member be 7 years, the average age of the family at the birth of the youngest member was

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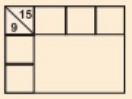
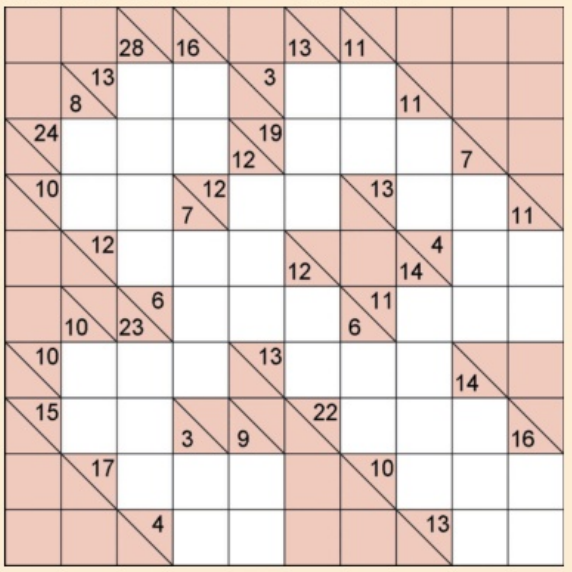
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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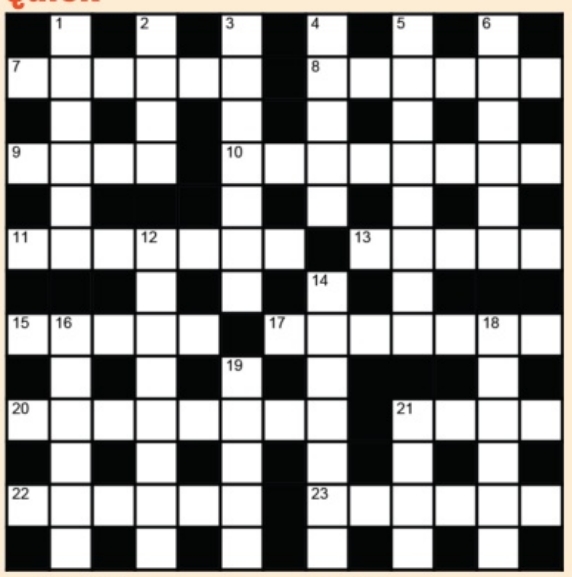


ACROSS

7 Tongue-shaped portions of fire (6)
8 Embodiment or incarnation (6)
9 Chime (4)
10 Indian mountain range (8)
11 Deprives of food (7)
13 Liquid measure (5)
15 Former Arsenal head coach Unai ___ (5)
17 Troglodyte (7)
20 Think, surmise or weigh the matter (8)
21 Floor coverings (4)
22 First class, spiffing? (3-3)
23 The high point of drama (6)

DOWN

1 With maximum effort? (3,3)
2 Polluted air (4)
3 Got away (7)
4 Lady's title (5)
5 Periodical publication usually illustrated (8)
6 Mariner (6)
12 Philatelists pay a fortune for them, "star seer" anagram? (4,4)
14 Theatrical club (7)
16 Short-sightedness? (6)
18 Sea near Greece (6)
19 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
21 Exert restraint (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G

APY UWL EPX GJ JEGUUGLT WTWGLJA APY JAVYWU DLXEJ APY JAVYLTAP XK GA.

Linemaro

Where do your hide our halo?

Mindchow

However long the night, the dawn will break

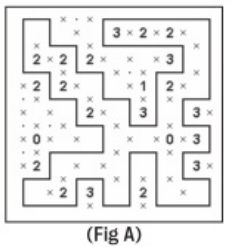
Joke of the day

I used to be great at word play once a pun a time

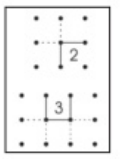
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

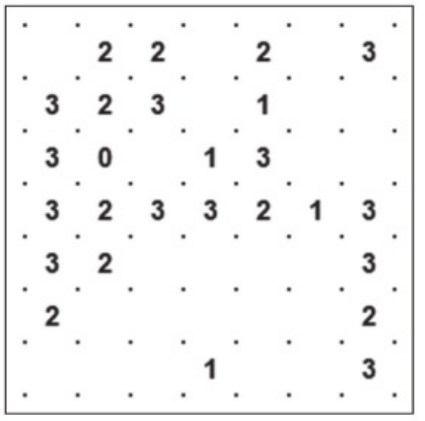


(Fig B) Not Allowed

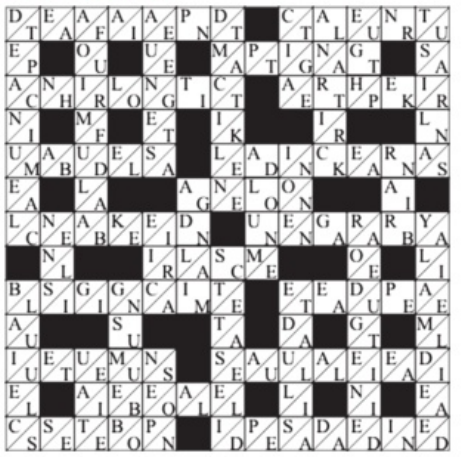
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6	H			
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

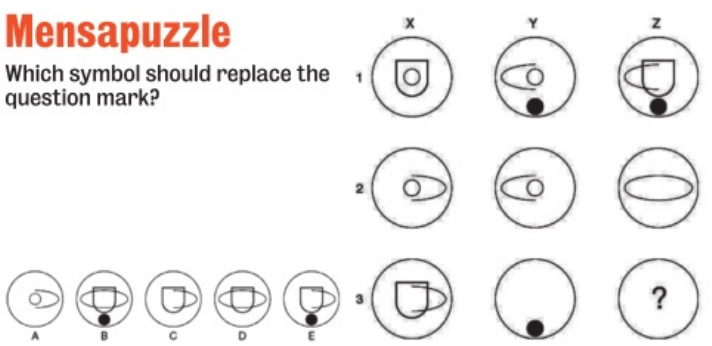
1 Papal; 6 Hires; 7 Can go; 8 Toots; 9 To Hot

DOWN

1 Coast; 2 To hop; 3 To Pin; 4 Gator; 5 Hales

Mensapuzzle

Which symbol should replace the question mark?



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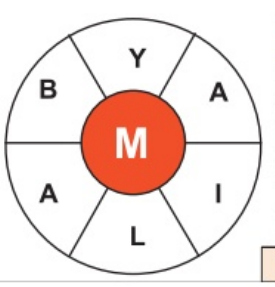


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	9		7		1		3	
		7				2		
4			3		9			1
	4	3		5		1	8	
8								3
	7	6		8		5	9	
6			9		5			2
		4				9		
	5		2		4		6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
1 2 2 8

Medium = 3
3 4 7 9

Hard = 65
2 8 9 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

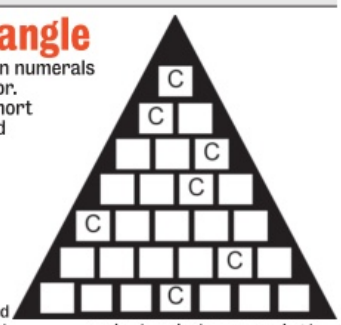
Differences: 1. Tree trunk base is thinner. 2. Arm is raised. 3. Bush is missing. 4. Tree limb is missing. 5. House is wider. 6. Tail is moved.

Riddler

Two personal pronouns if you take
And join them in due order,
An herb will name, without mistake,
That scents the garden border.

Alpha triangle

1 Hundred in Roman numerals
2 Common Era, abbr.
3 And so on .... in short
4 Engrave with acid
5 Dresser
6 Drawing
7 Sailing vessels



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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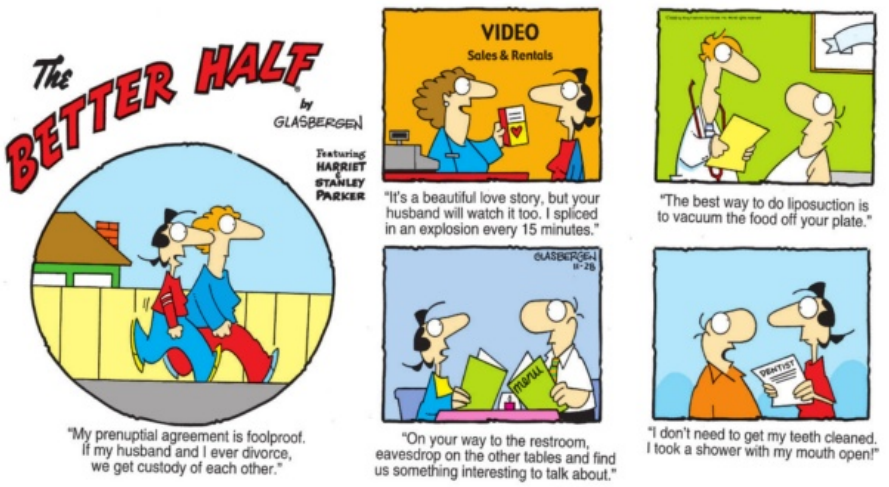
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"On your way to the restroom, eavesdrop on the other tables and find us something interesting to talk about."
"I don't need to get my teeth cleaned. I took a shower with my mouth open!"

BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
IT WOULD BE EASIER TO CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM IF YOU DIDN'T LET IT GET THIS MESSY.
IF YOU'D RINSE YOUR BOWL AS SOON AS YOU FINISH EATING, IT WOULDN'T BE SO HARD TO WASH.
DON'T LEAVE CRAYONS ON THE FLOOR. SOMEONE MIGHT STEP ON THEM.
IF YOU'D HANG UP YOUR CLOTHES, THEY WOULDN'T GET SO WRINKLED.
MY LIFE IS JUST A LECTURE SERIES WITH MEAL BREAKS.

AN ACCIDENTAL BITE BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER HAS GIVEN TEENAGER PETER PARKER SUPER POWERS, AND TRANSFORMED HIM INTO--
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
A MURDEROUS MASKED MENACE OR A MODERN-DAY CRUSADER?
THE CRIME SUMMIT'S TAKING PLACE--IN THE MAMMON THEATRE?
THE PLACE WHERE MY WIFE'S BEEN STARRING IN A HIT PLAY?
IT WAS RECENTLY SHUTTERED BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.
MY GRANDUNCLE CONVINCED THE KINGPIN IT WAS THE IDEAL SPOT FOR THEIR CONCLAVE...
...AND THEY BRIBED THE CONTRACTORS TO ABANDON THE SITE FOR THIS EVENING.
BUT IF THEY CARRY OUT THEIR MURDER PLOT, THE THEATRE MIGHT BE TOTALLY DESTROYED. IT MAY NEVER OPEN AGAIN!
SURELY, SPIDER-MAN, THE POSSIBLE FOLDING OF A BROADWAY PLAY IS THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES RIGHT NOW!
YEAH... I GUESS IT AMS TO BE!
KNIGHTS ON BROADWAY?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day for gains. You may make good plans to get good profits from your investments. You may likely save money by avoiding spending on unnecessary stuff. That may boost your savings. Love birds may be busy with family functions.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. But you can expect some support at work, which may run your work smoothly. Your network may help you complete your tasks successfully. You may plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have a dull feeling, which may affect your health. You may not get the results of your professional meetings. You may have a feeling of wastage of time. From late evening, disappointments may turn into happiness. You are advised to avoid rush driving or adventure tours.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful in terms of profit growth. Singles are likely to find their good match. In domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse; otherwise, it will create a gap in your relationship. Job seekers may likely get a new job, and there are chances of promotions in the current job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, with the help of your strong network, you may implement your business plans. You may use your wisdom to gain profits. You may also have harmony in your domestic life, with good understanding between you and your spouse. Natives related to metal and booking agents will do better.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are more spiritual. You may plan to visit some spiritual places to find peace of mind. You may donate some amount to charity or spiritual places. People around you may get help and support from you in terms of finance or moral support. You may enjoy every moment with satisfaction and patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Your focus is tested many times, so you should try to avoid scattering towards your goals. It is advised not to invest in worthless stuff. Love birds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be happy and have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life, and the bonding with your spouse may likely increase, maintaining domestic harmony. There may be a new partnership in the business, and new innovations may help your business grow.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may begin your day with a positive mindset. You may be in winning positions against your opponents and hidden enemies. Your work may be praised by your seniors, and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Students are blessed by the moon, which may show them the right path to choose good career options.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with family issues. You may explore your extra sources of income in terms of gains. You might take an interest in artifacts, movies, and glamour, which may improve your creativity. Love birds have a clear view in terms of their relationships. Students may now move ahead towards their aim in terms of a career.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have many options, which may confuse you. You may decide to visit your elders for consulting them before making any important decisions. Your past karma may show you the right path to take the right decision in terms of work and domestic life. Today, you should be careful about your parents' health.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your business plans may likely be successful with the support of your subordinates. You may have short travels in terms of business, which will benefit you in the near future. You may be involved in social and family get-togethers, which can increase your social network.

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The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it.

FAST FIVE
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T O O T H

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QUICK

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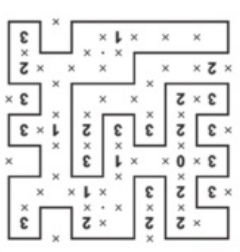

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9 + 4 – 7 – 3 = 3
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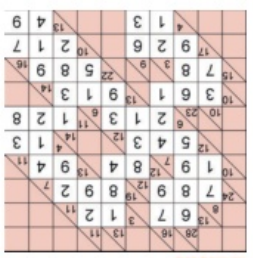

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Twists and turns in emotional tale

MELODY DRAMA

3 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Manju Karthik
- **ACTORS** Satya Shraya, Suprita Narayan, Rajesh Nataranga, Rangayana Raghu, Anu Prabhakar
- **Duration** 138 minutes
- **Certification** U

The movie begins with Hita (Suprita Narayan), a bride, walking out of a banquet hall in Mysuru. Hita wants to meet her friend Sowmya (Lakshmi Siddaiah) to discuss something important. On the way, Hita takes a lift from a masked man on a bike. Later, she gets into a jeep owned by Alemaari (Rangayana Raghu) who is heading towards Kodagu. After travelling some distance, the jeep breaks down. Again the masked man appears on the scene and Alemari requests him to give a lift to Hita. She continues to ride pillion without knowing that the masked man is none other than her husband Karthik (Satya Shraya).

At this juncture, director tells us the story of how Karthik comes to Mysuru from Bengaluru and falls in love with Hita. We see under what circumstances Hita has to agree to marry her relative Sanju, who fails to turn up at marriage hall and also the circumstances that made Karthik to agree to marry Hita. Later, she comes to know why Sanju failed to reach the marriage hall and who is responsible for it. What happens to Karthik is what the film is about.

Director Maju Karthik tries to narrate the script in reverse chronology that can leave the audiences a bit confused. The story may look simple but it has many twists and a scope for abundant emotions. There are many emotional scenes that include a soldier father (Rajesh Nataranga) promising his daughter Hita to take her to Gol Gumbaz in her childhood. The other scene where his mortal remains were brought home and the other scene where Hita, with the help of Karthik, finally visit the Gol Gumbaj and pay tributes to her father. These scenes are truly heart-melting.

As far as the performances go, Satya Shraya and Suprita Narayan look like they were made for each other. Suprita is at her best in emotional scenes and Satya is convincing in action scenes. Actors Anu Prabhakar, as Indirakka who maintains a gang of goons, Rajesh Nataranga, as a soldier, Bala Rajwadi, as a concerned uncle, and Rangayana Raghu, as a wanderer, have given good support.

Cinematographer Manu Halli has done an excellent job behind the camera. It is worth a watch also if you want to see beautiful locations of Karnataka.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

'Nothing political'

Actress Jennifer Lawrence has insisted that she did not make a "political statement" with her flip-flops at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival.

Nearly one month after the event, the actress was asked about her flip-flops and she said: "I would really like to straighten this out." Jennifer went on to clarify, "I was not making a political statement, not that I wouldn't. I had no idea until it like, came out that there was a whole controversy with people wearing flats, or like, walking down the red carpet barefoot." She then stressed: "I had no clue." On the reason why she traded heels with the flats, she said: "My shoes were a size too big. And I wore heels going up, but then I forgot to take a picture with my production team, Excellent Cadaver.""

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